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Whitby Urban District

REPORT

for the

YEAR 1954

of the

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

B. SCHROEDER, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H.

and of the

SANITARY INSPECTOR

H. EATOUGH, M.S.I.A.

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ANNUAL REPORT

of the

Medical Officer of Health

for the

Whitby Urban District

for the Year 1954.

TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE
WHITBY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Mr. Chairman, Mesdames and Gentlemen,

I beg to submit my annual report for the year 1954.

1954 has been an outstanding year in other respects besides being one of the wettest for some time. The damp miserable Autumn was matched with an outbreak of Influenza, but it may well be that these inconveniences will be forgotten and 1954 will be long remembered as a year when food rationing ceased. The end of the food rationing made a heavy impact on the work of the Health Department. The transfer of the distribution of Ministry of Food Welfare Foods has involved a lot of work in the local office. Some observers think that the cumbersome system inherited from the Food Office involves a quantity of work out of proportion to the cash value of the sales.

To the Butchers and Sanitary Inspectors de-rationing presented its own problems. The Urban District Butchers' Association decided to open a joint slaughterhouse and adapted premises rented to them by the Urban District Council. They may well be proud of the result—it was a neck and neck race to get it ready for the appointed day, but it was ready and the operators worked far into the night to cope with the public demand for prime local meat. The Sanitary Inspectors also had to work late into the night inspecting this and have continued to attend at the end of a working day, giving up their evenings for the public good, so that as far as is practicable every carcase is examined before being sold to the public.

I am,

Yours obediently,

B. SCHROEDER,

Medical Officer of Health.

District Health Office,

Grape Lane,

Whitby.

PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICERS OF THE LOCAL AUTHORITY, 1954.

Name.	Qualifications.	Office held.	Whole or part time.	Other Public Offices held.
B. SCHROEDER	M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H.	Medical Officer of Health.	Whole.	Medical Officer of Health Whitby R.D.C.
H. EATOUGH	M.S.I.A.	Sanitary Inspector, Director of Public Cleansing.	Whole.	
J. B. SIDEBOTTOM	Cert. S.I.B.	Additional Sanitary Inspector.	Whole	

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA.

Population—

Registrar-General's Estimate, mid-1954 11,480

Rateable Value at 31st March, 1955 £98,576

Sum represented by a Penny Rate—£382.

Total No. of Dwellings as at 1st April, 1955 3,839

VITAL STATISTICS.

	Male.	Female.	Total.
Live Births—Legitimate	83	81	164
Illegitimate	4	3	7
	—	—	—
Totals	87	84	171
	—	—	—

Crude Birth Rate per 1,000 estimated population 14.9

Corrected Birth Rate per 1,000 estimated population 15.9

Birth Rate per 1,000 estimated population,
England and Wales 15.2

	Male.	Female.	Total.
Still Births—Legitimate	3	1	4
Illegitimate	1	0	1
	—	—	—
Totals	4	1	5
	—	—	—

Still Birth Rate per 1,000 total live and still births 28.0

Still Birth Rate per 1,000 total live and still births,
England and Wales 24.0

Deaths of Infants under one year—

	Male.	Female.	Total.
Legitimate	3	0	3
Illegitimate	0	0	0
	—	—	—
Totals	3	0	3
	—	—	—

Death Rate of Infants under 1 year per 1,000 live
births 17.5

Death Rate of Infants under 1 year per 1,000 live
births, England and Wales 25.5

Deaths of Infants under 4 weeks old—

	Male.	Female.	Total.
Legitimate	2	0	2
Illegitimate	0	0	0
	—	—	—
Totals	2	0	2
	—	—	—
	Male.	Female.	Total.
Deaths	89	85	174
Crude Death Rate per 1,000 estimated population			15.2
Corrected Death Rate per 1,000 estimated population			11.7
Death Rate per 1,000 estimated population, England and Wales			11.3

CAUSES OF DEATH, 1954.

According to the Registrar-General's Classification:—

	Male	Female	Total
Meningococcal Infections	1	0	1
Other infective and parasitic diseases	0	1	1
Malignant Neoplasm, Stomach	1	1	2
Malignant Neoplasm, Lung, Bronchus	3	0	3
Malignant Neoplasm, Breast	0	2	2
Malignant Neoplasm, Uterus	0	2	2
Other malignant and lymphatic Neoplasms	7	9	16
Leukaemia, aleukaemia	0	1	1
Diabetes	1	2	3
Vascular lesions of nervous system ...	8	17	25
Coronary disease, angina	10	9	19
Hypertensions with heart disease	1	0	1
Other heart disease	18	38	56
Other circulatory disease	0	1	1
Influenza	1	1	2
Pneumonia	2	0	2
Bronchitis	5	2	7
Other diseases of respiratory system	0	1	1
Ulcer of Stomach and duodenum	1	0	1
Nephritis and Pephrosis	1	0	1
Hyperplasia of prostate	1	0	1
Other defined and ill-defined diseases	5	3	8
Motor Vehicle accidents	0	0	0
All other accidents	1	3	4
Suicide	1	0	1
	—	—	—
Totals	68	93	161
	—	—	—

TABLE OF DEATHS IN AGE GROUPS—MALES.

Cause of Death.	Under 4 wks.-									
	4 wks.	1 yr.	1-4	5-14	15-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65-74 75+
Meningococcal Infections	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Malignant Neoplasm, Stomach	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Malignant Neoplasm, Lung, Bronchus	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	1
Malignant Neoplasm, Other sites	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	3
Diabetes	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—
Vascular lesions of nervous system	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	2
Coronary disease, angina	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	5	5
Hypertension with heart disease	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Other heart disease	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	2	10
Influenza	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Pneumonia	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1
Bronchitis	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1
Ulcer of Stomach and duodenum	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Nephritis and Nephrosis	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—
Hyperplasia of prostate	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Other defined and ill-defined diseases	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—
Motor Vehicle accidents	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
All other accidents	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Suicide	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—
Totals	2	1	—	—	1	2	1	6	11	16 28

TABLE OF DEATHS IN AGE GROUPS—FEMALES.

Cause of Death.	Under 4 wks.-										
	4 wks.	1 yr.	1-4	5-14	15-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65-74	75+
Other infective and parasitic diseases	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—
Malignant Neoplasm, Stomach	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—
Malignant Neoplasm, Breast	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	1
Malignant Neoplasm, Uterus	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—
Malignant Neoplasm, Other sites	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	4	4
Leukaemia, Aleukaemia	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Diabetes	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1
Vascular lesions of Nervous system	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	4	12
Coronary disease, angina	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	2	3
Other heart disease	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	5	10	23
Other circulatory disease	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—
Influenza	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—
Bronchitis	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2
Other diseases of respiratory system	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—
Other defined and ill-defined diseases	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	2
Motor Vehicle accidents	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
All other accidents	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3
Totals	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	3	12	25	52

RESULTS OF WATER SAMPLES.

During the year 19 water samples were taken, 18 of which were Class I., and 1 in Class II. (both these classes usually being regarded as satisfactory).

REPORT OF THE PORT MEDICAL OFFICER.

The Harbour Master has kindly given the following particulars of outside vessels which, in addition to the Scottish Herring Fleet and numerous yachts, used the port during 1954.

		27 Dutch Fishing Vessels.
Aug.	4th.	Trawler "Recono," of Grimsby, lands sick man.
Aug.	6th.	Visit of Cadet Ship, "Santa Cruz," of Sunderland.
Aug.	8th.	Visit of Sea Scout Ship, "Gratitude."
Aug.	29th.	East German Trawler, "Bundesknogress," lands sick man.
Sept.	5th.	East German Trawler, "Geschwister Scholl," lands sick man.
Sept.	10th.	British Coaster, "Olive May," 107 tons.
Sept.	15th.	East German Trawler, "Stalingrad," lands sick man.
Sept.	23rd.	Polish Trawler, "Puszczyk," 493 tons.
Nov.	21st.	Dutch Motor Vessel, "Dina," 88 tons.

NOTIFICATION OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES

(Other than Tuberculosis).

Infectious diseases were notified as follows:—

Scarlet Fever	8
Whooping Cough	4
Measles	4
Pneumonia	2
Erysipelas	2
Malaria	1
Meningococcal Infection	2
Poliomyelitis	1
Puerperal Pyrexia	1

TUBERCULOSIS, 1954.

During the year 2 males and 1 female were notified as cases of pulmonary tuberculosis, and 1 female as a case of non-pulmonary tuberculosis.

No death was recorded during the year.

REPORT ON MASS RADIOGRAPHY SURVEY IN THE WHITBY AREA, JUNE, 1954.

2c (Hull) Unit was located in the Village Hall, Sleights, 31st May; Dr. Rutter's Surgery, Robin Hood's Bay, 1st June; and at the West Cliff School, Whitby, from 4th June to 11th June, 1954.

RESULTS.

Group	Attendances.		Tuberculosis			Other Abnormalities.			No Action Required
	Minia- ture Films	Large Films	Ref.: possibly active	Chest Clinic as: probably inactive	Own Dr. Clinic	Chest	G.P.	Heart Clinic	
Sleights Public Session	179	15	—	2	2	—	1	—	10
Robin Hood's Bay Public Session	134	2	1	—	1	—	—	—	—
Whitby									
Hospital Management Committee—									
Nursing Staffs	20	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Others	39	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Local Authorities—									
Nursing Staffs	3	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Others	50	3	—	1	—	1	—	—	1
Teachers	6	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Students and Scholars	222	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	2
Government Departments	79	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Industrial Groups	77	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	3
General Practitioner Session	2	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
Public Session	257	14	—	—	1	2	1	—	10
Total	1068	43	2	3	4	3	2	—	29

UNEMPLOYMENT.

We are indebted to Mr. Day for this table, and he makes the comment that the figures cover only persons of 18 years and over, and that many of those "temporarily stopped" are mainly fishermen who, on the day of the count, were prevented from putting to sea because of adverse weather or similar circumstances.

The number of men wholly unemployed even during the busiest part of the year must give rise to some uneasiness.

1954	Wholly Unemployed		Temporarily Stopped	
	Men	Women	Men	Women
11th January	223	77	69	Nil
15th February	230	71	31	Nil
15th March	156	66	23	Nil
12th April	123	49	6	Nil
10th May	122	49	Nil	Nil
14th June	73	16	3	Nil
12th July	75	11	7	Nil
9th August	71	10	13	Nil
13th September	91	27	20	Nil
12th October	153	63	20	Nil
15th November	175	87	52	1
6th December	169	81	9	Nil

HOSPITALS.

The Hospitals in Whitby are administered by the Scarborough, Bridlington, Malton and Whitby Group Hospital Management Committee:—

(1) WAR MEMORIAL HOSPITAL.

A General Hospital with an Outpatient Department.

(2) ST. HILDA'S HOSPITAL.

Specially equipped for the care of the aged sick.

(3) ESKDALE HOSPITAL.

A General Hospital with a Maternity Ward.

HOSPITAL ACCOMMODATION FOR INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

When cases of infectious disease requiring hospital treatment are notified, arrangements are made by telephone with Scarborough Infectious Diseases Hospital, or West Lane Hospital, Middlesbrough.

Special arrangements are made for cases of poliomyelitis, which are usually admitted to Yearsley Bridge Hospital, York.

LOCAL HEALTH SERVICES PROVIDED IN THE AREA BY THE NORTH RIDING COUNTY COUNCIL.

Care of Mothers and Young Children.

The Child Welfare Centre and the Ante-Natal Clinic are held at Grape Lane, Whitby, each week, on Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons, respectively.

The Mount I.W.C. at Helredale opened in April. Sessions are held there on alternate Thursdays from 2 to 4 p.m.

When required, patients attending these Clinics may be referred to the following special clinics, also held at Grape Lane, Whitby:—

Orthopaedic Clinic

Artificial Sunlight Clinic

Eye Clinic

Dental Clinic

Speech Therapy Clinic

Midwifery.

The Whitby Urban District is served by one domiciliary midwife:—

Nurse W. Bretherick, 10b, Well Close Square. Tel. No. Whitby 963.

She is relieved by Nurse L. Sanders, 14, Middlewood Close, Fylingthorpe. Tel. No.: Robin Hood's Bay 367.

Gas and Air Analgesia is available to any patient who desires it.

Health Visiting.

There are two Health Visitors for this district, and their first duty is the visiting of homes for the purpose of giving advice as to the care of young children. It is their duty to visit every home where there is a child below school age, so that the mother may be encouraged to discuss even the most trivial worry with the Health Visitor, who may then reassure her or get her to seek expert advice.

In addition they visit and advise expectant or nursing mothers, persons suffering from illness, including tuberculosis, and aged persons.

Home Nursing.

When called for by the family doctor, the District Nurse will attend persons who require nursing in their own homes. The Whitby Urban District is served by Nurse W. Bretherick, 10b, Well Close Square. Tel. No. Whitby 963.

Vaccination and Immunisation.

Vaccination and Immunisation are undertaken by the family doctors. Others who find it inconvenient to attend their own doctor's surgery come to the Clinic, Grape Lane, Friday morning at 11 a.m.

During the year under review the numbers dealt with in the combined area, Whitby Urban and Rural districts were as follows:—

	Immunisations.		Vaccinations.	
	Primary	Refresher	Primary	Re-vaccinations.
Under 5 years	142	8	146	4
5—14 years ...	11	24	3	5
Over 15 years	—	—	5	25

The total numbers of children immunised at any time up to the 31st December, 1954, were as follows:—

Under 5 years	792
5—14 years	2,598

Ambulance Service.

One large ambulance and two light ambulances (utilicons) were housed in a garage at Station Square, Whitby. Tel. Whitby 165. At the time of going to press, temporary accommodation has been found at the Metropole Garage.

Occasionally Miss Bruce and her helpers in the Hospital Car Service have helped the ambulance service, and assistance has also been given by members of the St. John Ambulance Brigade.

Domestic Help Service.

Helps are provided when necessary, and 16 cases in the Urban District received assistance during 1954.

Payment for the service of a domestic help depends on income, and necessary expenses, and varies from a possible full rate of 3s. 0d. an hour to a free service.

Mental Health Services.

The Mental Health Services are administered direct by the County Council. The Duly Authorised Officer for the area is Mr. T. R. Groves, District Welfare Officer, Grape Lane, Whitby. Tel. No. : Whitby 235.

Prevention of Illness, Care and After-Care.

An active Voluntary Care Committee serves the needs of the area, its chief functions being to provide extra nourishment, clothing, bedding, medical comforts, nursing equipment, etc., and to do everything possible for the welfare of persons suffering from tuberculosis and other illnesses.

Enquiries and requests for assistance may be made to the Hon. Secretary, Whitby and District Voluntary Care Committee, Mr. K. Birdsall, District Health Office, Grape Lane, Whitby. Tel. No. Whitby 520.

ANNUAL REPORT
of the
SANITARY INSPECTOR
1954

The Public Health Department,
The Council Offices,
St. Hilda's Terrace,
Whitby.

TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE
WHITBY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I beg to submit to you my Eighth Annual Report on the work of the Sanitary Department for the year 1954.

The outstanding event of the year has been the return to private slaughtering, with its consequent meat inspection, after a lapse of almost 15 years. Thanks to the energetic co-operation between the Butchers and the Council, it was found possible to concentrate all slaughtering in a building admirably adapted for the purpose on a temporary basis, until the wishes of the Minister are known in regard to his policy of "Moderate Concentration."

The coming into operation of the Housing Repairs and Rents Act, 1954, together with Circular 55/54 in relation to Slum Clearance, will inflict a further demand on the Department.

The disastrous fire which occurred at the Refuse Disposal Plant in November caused considerable disturbance to the Refuse Collection and Disposal Service, and again the helpful attitude of all concerned enabled a quick return to normal.

The year has been one of progress and success in the Department, neither of which could have been achieved so well without the unstinting help and advice I have had at all times from Members of the Council, and the Members of the Council staff.

I am, Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your Obedient Servant,

H. EATOUGH,

Chief Sanitary Inspector and
Cleansing Superintendent.

STATISTICAL RECORD OF WORK.

Number of Complaints Received	161
Number of Nuisances Found	83
Number of Nuisances Remedied	74
Number of Nuisances Outstanding at 31/12/54 ...	9
Number of Informal Notices Served	37
Number of Statutory Notices Served	13

VISITS AND INSPECTIONS.

Nuisances : Visits and Re-Visits	380
Housing—Allocation	53
Assessment	186
Inspection and Recording	59
Clearance Survey	513
Improvement Grants	15
Miscellaneous	30
Drains and Sewers—Examined	67
Choked and Defective	25
Tested	32
Smoke Nuisances—Observations	12
Miscellaneous	19
Food—Premises	124
Unsound	80
Poisoning Cases	19
Slaughterhouse—Construction	89
Meat Inspection	172
Refuse Collection and Disposal—Plant	110
Depot	11
Tip	23
Public Conveniences	55
Rodent Control	70
Vermin	22
Fumigation and Disinfection	18
Camp Sites	11
Factories	24
Theatres and Cinemas	3
Infectious Disease Enquiries	11
Bathing Pool	12
Aged Persons	3
Miscellaneous	18

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.

WATER SUPPLY.

The supply and distribution of Water has been carried out efficiently throughout the year by the Whitby Waterworks Company. No curtailment or restriction on supplies was needed, and the regular chemical and bacteriological examinations have shown that the water is satisfactory in quality. Results of these examinations appear in the Report of the Medical Officer of Health.

The Company supply 4,411 premises within the Urban District, and there are no known premises on private supply.

Consumption of water was 178,999,000 gallons, which was a supply through the Sneaton Castle Reservoir.

Extensions to water mains have been made to supply 56 houses on the White Leys Estate, and further extensions will be needed to supply the remainder of the Estate during 1955.

SEWERS AND DRAINS.

The only area of the town not sewered is at Briggswath. I expressed the hope last year that some action would be taken to supply the needs of this area, but unfortunately no progress has been made.

During the year, Mr. J. R. Seward, the Council's Engineer and Surveyor, produced an excellent report on the principal sewers of the town. This Report is full of very vital information to the Council, and bears out in fact the comments I made in this Section of my Report of last year. More Housing Estates will need to be opened out to cater for the Slum Clearance Programme, and before this work can proceed far, attention is required to the adequacy of the Sewerage System.

The principal disposal point for Sewage is to sea and causes no nuisance, but attention is drawn to the paragraph in the Engineer's report on Sewers in relation to Route F which discharges crude sewage into tidal water at Ruswarp.

There are 5,255 water closes, and 35 pail closets, 10 of which are not within reasonable distance of a sewer, and 15 serving properties which will be dealt with

under the Slum Clearance Programme. Ten additional water closets have been provided in old property, and 79 in new buildings.

RIVERS AND STREAMS.

No cases of pollution of the River Esk in non-tidal waters have been noted, but again I must draw attention to the fact that crude sewage is discharged into the river, below the Ruswarp Dam.

SHOPS.

No specific action has been taken under the provisions of the Shops Act, but constant observation of conditions are kept, more particularly in Food shops.

CAMPING SITES.

Eleven visits were paid to the 4 licensed Camping Sites within the area, and no serious cause for complaint was noted. A new site was licensed at Four Lane Ends Farm, for six vans. Stoupe Cross has now adequate sanitary accommodation.

Licensed Sites.

Airy Hill Farm	26 vans
Stoupe Cross Farm	40 vans
Chain Bridge, Ruswarp	6 vans
Four Lane Ends Farm	6 vans

These sites are always full during the Holiday Season, and the owners are continually refusing requests from would-be campers for sites. There is no doubt a great shortage of accommodation for this type of holiday in the area, a circumstance which leads to many vans being scattered in various parts for the short period allowed without licence, which, to my mind, is a greater evil, if evil camping is, than having them on concentrated sites where proper control can be exercised and decent amenities provided.

OFFENSIVE TRADES.

There are no Offensive Trades registered in the area.

SWIMMING BATHS.

The open-air pool at Happy Valley was again only infrequently used, due to the weather conditions. Regular tests for efficiency of chlorination proved satisfactory.

PUBLIC CONVENIENCES.

The remarks in the 1953 Report on the availability of this service apply in similar measure in 1954.

The mis-use of these premises is a matter for some concern, and such wilful damage as is caused proves quite costly.

FACTORIES.

Twenty-four visits were made to factory premises during the year, the Register being brought up to date. Interchange of information with the Home Office Inspectorate has assisted in correcting their Register.

There are 75 factories with mechanical power, and 11 without mechanical power.

SMOKE ABATEMENT.

Nineteen timed observations were made, and in no case was there a sufficiency of smoke to cause nuisance.

Application is to be made to the Minister to adopt Bye-Laws under Section 104(1) of the Public Health Act, 1936.

VERMIN CONTROL.

The continued use of modern insecticides has made this work more simple. A twenty year old infestation of Pharoahs Ants was successfully dealt with by using Chlordane.

Cockroaches are still the greatest cause for complaint. On no occasion have bed bugs been encountered.

RODENT CONTROL.

A part-time operator is engaged on this work. 77 treatments were carried out involving 247 visits.

Mice present the bigger problem, and seem to be quite prevalent in the older part of the town.

Free service is given to domestic premises, but it is doubtful if householders take sufficient advantage of the service.

Warfarin compounds continue to render excellent service in the eradication of Rats and Mice.

HOUSING.

This year has been one of progress. The early part saw the completion of the Mount Estate containing 108 houses, and the end of the year the first section of White Leys Estate containing 56 houses. In addition, the roads and sewers contract for the second section of the White Leys Estate was almost complete, which will eventually hold 106 houses.

The Survey of Unfit Houses has been carried out, which resulted in a figure of 400 being given as the number of houses failing to reach the standard laid down in Section 9 of the 1954 Housing Act. The housing application list stood at 338 on December 31st, and of this figure, 100 applicants occupied houses below standard included in the Scheduled 400. An analysis of the 238 remaining applicants still requiring houses who will not be re-housed in the 5 year Programme shewed that 65 had not a separate dwelling of their own, so it would appear that in the region of 465 new houses are still required to satisfy all needs. This leaves 173 applicants for houses whose main reason for wishing to exchange their present accommodation must be the lack of modern amenities, and it is here where the Improvement Grant provisions of the Housing Act should be applied.

The small number of applicants for Improvement Grants, is, in my opinion, due to the lack of knowledge of the facilities available. In order to get the idea over to the general public, it is suggested that suitable properties should be acquired and dealt with as models, accurate costs produced, and the fullest information prepared for distribution when the houses are on show. This is not a new idea, it being suggested over four years ago to the Council without success, and many local authorities and others have been doing it for several years. Quite a lot of privately-owned houses were unoccupied at the end of the year and on offer for sale, many having being so for a long time. One of the main reasons why these houses are vacant is their size, and what better or cheaper method of obtaining housing units, complete with all modern amenities is there than by the conversion of such houses into flats ?

The number of new houses completed by the Council during 1954 is 98, and 17 were completed by private enterprise.

Fifty-nine houses have been inspected and recorded for the purposes of the Housing Consolidated Regulations, and one house has been closed voluntarily under the Housing Acts.

In order to assist the County Council in their widening scheme for Church Street, the Council agreed to re-house the tenants of all houses included in the Scheme. 19 families were found alternative accommodation, 5 in new houses, 13 in pre-war houses, and 1 in houses privately owned.

REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL.

There has been no substantial changes in this service during 1954. The estimated cost of these services for the Financial Year 1954/55 amounts to £7,264.

154 loads of Household Refuse from the Whitby Rural District Council were dealt with in the Disposal Plant, as were 468 loads brought in by tradespeople, and our own Fordson lorry. 2,648 loads were collected and disposed of from the Urban area.

SALVAGE.

The sales of Salvage during 1954 are as follows :—

	Tons	Cwts.	Qrs.	£	s.	d.
Screenings	1085	0	0	171	15	3
Clinker	332	10	0	56	19	3
Paper	88	7	2	707	0	0
Baled Tins	117	5	1	547	10	0
Cullet Glass	25	5	0	82	1	2
Cinders	109	10	3	105	15	0
Bones	4	6	0	42	0	0
Kitchen Waste	17	6	2	48	11	6
Scrap Metal	21	2	1	83	10	3
Bottles and Jars	766 $\frac{1}{4}$ doz.			21	13	9
Miscellaneous				15	16	6
Textiles	1	9	24 lb.	26	0	11
Non-ferrous Metals ...		5	26 lb.	16	15	3
TOTAL				£1,925	8	10

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD SUPPLIES.

On the Register at the end of the year were :—

- 14 Fried Fish Shops
- 12 Bakehouses
- 46 Cafes
- 45 Ice Cream Shops
- 21 Other Registrations
- 15 Butchers' Shops
- 3 Dairies

Close watch is kept on these premises, and many improvements have been brought about mainly by peaceful persuasive methods. There is a great degree of co-operation between Food Traders and the Department, the outstanding feature of which, is the high regard in which we are held as advisers rather than as at one time, Council busybodies.

MEAT INSPECTION.

With the end of meat rationing in July, the burden of inspecting all animals slaughtered for food within the district was thrust upon the Department, after a break of almost 15 years. Prior to war-time concentration of slaughtering, there were seven private slaughterhouses in which the bulk of the town's fresh meat supply was slaughtered. After consultations between the local butchers and the Council it was agreed that none of these premises was suitable for re-opening under modern requirements. A building suitable for adaptation as a central slaughterhouse was offered by the Council to the butchers on agreed terms, and the butchers proceeded with adaptations, costing in the region of £3,000. Under the circumstances and the short time available, an extremely creditable job was made, which has worked very satisfactorily up to the year end, which has included the whole of the Summer holiday season and Christmas.

The only difficulty which has arisen so far as the Health Department is concerned, is the fact that, due to the concentration, overtime has to be worked to carry out a 100 per cent. inspection service. Pre-war in all probability, some 10 to 14 men in seven slaughterhouses were engaged slaughtering animals, mainly during the early part of the week. Now 4 men with occasional part-time assistance are employed, and it

would appear from records, are slaughtering a good deal more animals. Estimates of pre-war annual kill were about 8,000 animals a year, whilst in six months of 1954, 4,993 had already been killed.

The 4,993 animals were made up of 422 steers and heifers, 53 cows, 6 bulls, 129 calves, 2,396 sheep and 1,987 pigs.

4,813 lbs. of carcase meat and offals were found to be unfit for human consumption and surrendered at the time of slaughter.

Routine inspection of all beef cattle for *Cysticercus Bovis* was carried out, but on no occasion was the disease encountered.

Below are two tables which give an analysis of diseased meat rejected, causing it to be unfit for food :

WEIGHT IN POUNDS.

Type.	Tuberculosis	Diseases Other Than Tuberculosis.	Total. Unfit.
Beef	2,401	1,031.5	3,432.5
Veal	0	48	48
Mutton	0	69.5	69.5
Pork	948.5	314.75	1,263.25
Totals	3,349.5	1,463.75	4,813.25

CARCASES INSPECTED AND CONDEMNED.

	Cattle excluding Cows.	Cows.	Calves.	Lambs and Sheep	Pigs.
Number Slaughtered	428	53	129	2396	1987
All Diseases Except Tuberculosis :	0	0	1	2	3
Whole Carcases ..					
Parts of Carcases or Organs	69	19	2	6	45
Percentage Affected ..	16.1	36.4	2.3	0.3	2.4
Tuberculosis :	1	2	0	0	0
Whole Carcases					
Parts of Carcases or Organs	41	28	0	0	80
Percentage Affected ..	9.8	56.6	0	0	4.02

UNSOUND FOOD.

The following articles were condemned as unfit for human consumption during 1954.

Canned Meats.

Canned Luncheon Meat	25 cans
Canned Pork	4 cans
Canned Minced Beef Loaf	3 cans
Canned Tongues	14 cans
Canned Roast Turkey	1 can
Canned Steak	7 cans
Canned Brawn	1 can
Canned Corned Beef	10 cans
Canned Jellied Veal	13 cans
Canned Ham	16 cans
Canned Pressed Beef	2 cans
Canned Brisket Beef	1 can

Canned Fruit.

Canned Apples	7 cans
Apricot Puree	2 jars
Canned Grapefruit	6 cans
Canned Oranges	1 can
Canned Pears	9 cans
Canned Prunes	6 cans
Canned Raspberries	1 can
Canned Apricots	15 cans
Canned Cherries	4 cans
Canned Grapes	2 cans
Canned Peaches	5 cans
Canned Pineapples	3 cans
Canned Plums	27 cans
Canned Fruit Salad	109 cans

Fish.

Haddocks	5 stone
Canned Salmon	3 cans

Canned Vegetables.

Canned Baked Beans	7 cans
Canned Beans	1 can
Canned Celery Hearts	1 can
Canned Peas	57 cans
Mixed Pickles	1 jar
Canned Celery Soup	3 cans
Canned Meat Soup	1 can
Canned Tomato Soup	6 cans
Canned Butter Beans	3 cans
Canned Carrots	7 cans
Canned Tomatoes	11 cans
Red Cabbage Pickles	1 jar
Beetroot	11 jars
Canned Beef Soup	1 can
Canned Mushroom Soup	1 can

Miscellaneous.

Condensed Milk	16 cans
Cheese Spread	50 cartons
Oats	2 cartons
Frozen Egg	11 cans
Jam	3 jars
Cooked Ham (Loose)	1 $\frac{1}{4}$ lbs.
Evaporated Milk	59 cans
Coconut	1 box
Canned Cream	2 cans
Canned Syrup	2 cans
Cured Bacon	4 lbs.

